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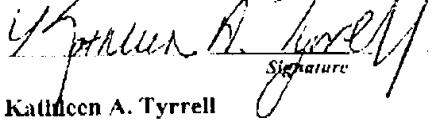
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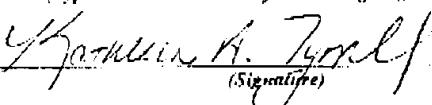
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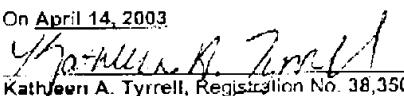
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Dear Sir:

Reply under 37 C.F.R. 1.111

This is a reply to the Office Action mailed January 14, 2003 setting a three (3) month statutory period for response. Please enter the following remarks and amendments into the record.

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

2. (amended) A method of diagnosing hereditary non-polyposis colorectal cancer in a patient comprising: